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1. SUMMARY. PRESS HIGHLIGHTS:

-- IZVESTIYA CARRIES UNORIGIANAL CRITICISM OF THE
REAGAN MARCH 31 SPEECH;

-- PRAVDA SAYS GEORGE GALLUP ASSERTS THAT U.S.
PUBLIC OPINION SUPPORTS DETENTE, AND THAT A PROMINENT
REASON FOR THIS IS U.S. PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING FOR SOVIET FOREIGN
POLICY (SEPTTEL);

-- PRAVDA SIGNED COMMENTARY SAYS THAT THE PRESIDENT'S
STATEMENT CONDEMNING ATTACKS AGAINST THE SOVIET UN MISSION
IF FINE, BUT NOT ENOUGH (SEPTTEL);

-- PRAVDA REPORTS GIEREK'S JUNE VISIT TO THE FRG AND
SCHMIDT SUPPORT FOR DETENTE;

-- KRASNAYA ZVEZDA DENIES THE FRENCH PRESS ASSERTIONS
THAT A SPEECH BY GRECHKO IN MARCH INDICATES A HARDENING SOVIET
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FOREIGN POLICY LINE;

-- MBFR AND THE SOVIET MDW PROPOSAL GET BRIEF TREATMENT;

-- PRAVDA BEGINS REPORTING ON THE BELGIAN CP CONGRESS,
AND THE CZECH PAPER RUDE PRAVO ECHOES NEPSZABADSZAG
IN SIGNING THE PROPER TUNE ON PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM;

-- THE CZECH PLANNING COMMISSION HEAD CONTRIBUTES AN IN-
TRIGUING PIECE TO IZVESTIYA;

-- COMMENTARY ON SPAIN CONTINUES UNAMBIGUOUS SUPPORT FOR
"PROGRESSIVE MOVEMENTS" AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT;

-- PRAVDA SAYS THAT THE "PROGRESSIVE" ARAB PRESS
OPPOSES AMBASSADOR BROWN'S MISSION; AND PRAVDA
REASSERTS THE UNCHANGING SOVIET POSITION ON CYPRUS.
END SUMMARY.

2. U.S. IZVESTIYA'S KONDRASHOV ECHOES ZHUKOV'S
LINE IN PRAVDA (REFTEL) ON REAGAN'S MARCH 31 TELEVISION
SPEECH. KONDRASHOV NOTES AT THE OUTSET THAT REAGAN'S
CAMPAIGN IS NOT ENJOYING GREAT SUCCESS, THOUGH
NORTH CAROLINA HAS SAVED HIM FROM COMPLETE WITHDRAWAL.
REAGAN'S LINE, HE SAYS, IS THAT "SO VERY FAMILIAR NON-
SENSE EXTRACTED FROM THE SHABBY TEXTS OF 'HAWKS' AND
CHAUVINISTS IN WHICH THE NAMES OF THE COUNTRIES CHANGE,
BUT THE 'SOVIET PLOT' ALWAYS REMAINS." REAGAN'S
LATEST NAMES, HE SAYS, ARE ANGOLA, AND "UNEXPECTEDLY",
PANAMA. KONDRASHOV CITES THE RESTON REBUTTAL AND THE
DEPARTMENT'S STATEMENT, WHICH, HE NOTES, CALLS THE REAGAN
SPEECH A "TOTALLY AND ENTIRELY IRRESPONSIBLE FABRICATIONS".
KONDRASHOV CONCLUDES THAT WHILE SUCH "MYSTICISM", AS REAGAN
HIMSELF ADMITTED IT COULD BE CALLED, IS ENTERTAINING IN
SHOW BUSINESS, IT IS DOWNRIGHT MISLEADING IN A POLITICAL
CAMPAIGN, "AND LATE NIGHT TV VIEWERS SHOULD NOT
FORGET IT." PRAVDA REPORTS CONCLUSION OF A JOINT U.S. -SOVIET
SYMPOSIUM IN DUSHANBE ON "MAN AND THE BIOSPHERE", COMMENTING
THAT THE SYMPOSIUM TOOK PLACE UNDER THE JOINT AGREEMENT ON
ENVIRONMENT.

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3. FRG. PRAVDA REPORTS OLSZOWSKI'S VISIT TO THE
FRG, COMMENTING THAT BOTH GOVERNMENTS EMPHASIZED "THE
GREAT SIGNIFICANCE OF THE POLISH-FRG AGREEMENT ON DEVELOP-
MENT OF RELATIONS WHICH RECENTLY CAME INTO FORCE";
GIEREK'S ACCEPTANCE OF INVITATION TO VISIT THE FRG IN
JUNE, AND SCHMIDT'S SPEECH DURING THE BUNDESTAG FOREIGN
POLICY DEBATE, CITING HIS COMMENT THAT IT IS "ESSENTIAL"
THAT THE POLICY OF DETENTE BE CONTINUED.

4. SOVIET DEFENSE EFFORT. A SIGNED COMMENTARY IN KRASNAYA
ZVEZDA REJECTS THE ASSERTION BY THE FRENCH NEWSPAPER FIGARO
THAT A SPEECH BY SOVIET DEFENSE MINISTER GRECHKO BEFORE THE
DEFENSE MINISTRY PARTY AKTIV IN MARCH REPRESENTED A "SHARP
HARDENING" OF THE SOVIET FOREIGN POLICY LINE. THE COMMENTARY
CALLS "AGSURD" CONTENTIONS IN THE WEST THAT THE SPEECH "JUSTI-

FIES STATEMENTS BY WESTERN OFFICIALS ACCUSING THE USSR OF EXPANSIONIST AIMS". FURTHER, IT CHARACTERIZES AS "LIES AND SLANDER" ASSERTIONS THAT CERTAIN DECISIONS OF THE 25TH PARTY CONGRESS ON "THE IMPORTANT AND RESPONSIBLE TASKS OF STRENGTHENING THE DEFENSE" OF THE SOVIET UNION CAN, IN FIGARO'S WORDS, "LAY A HEAVY BURDEN ON THE FUTURE OF DETENTE -- OR WHAT IS LEFT OF IT." THE COMMENTARY JUSTIFIES A STRONG SOVIET DEFENSE EFFORT, CONTENDING THAT HISTORY HAS SHOWN THAT THERE ARE ENEMIES AGAINST WHOM THE SOVIETS UNION MUST DEFEND ITSELF. BUT, IT SAYS, FIGARO IN ITS REPORT ON THE GRECHKO SPEECH CITES PASSAGES OUT OF CONTEXT AND "DISTORTS THEIR TRUE MEANING, QUOTING WORDS AND WHOLE PHRASES WHICH DO NOT EVEN OCCUR" IN THE SPEECH.

5. ARMS CONTROL. PRAVDA REPORTS WITHOUT COMMENT THE BEGINNING OF CCD CONSULTATIONS ON A BAN ON THE DEVELOPMENT AND PRODUCTION OF NEW TYPES AND SYSTEMS OF MASS DESTRUCTION WEAPONS. KRASNAYA ZVEZDA IN AN UNUSUAL STEP FOR THAT PAPER, REPORTS REGULAR MBFR PLENARY SESSION AND THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF MBFR WORKING RECESS UNTIL THE MIDDLE OF MAY.

6. COMMUNIST AFFAIRS. PRAVDA REPORTS THE DEPARTURE OF THE SOVIET DELEGATION, HEADED BY SIZOV, TO THE BELGIAN PARTY CONGRESS. CPSU CC INTERNATIONAL DEPARTMENT FIRST DEPUTY (AND SOVIET ECPC NEGOTIATOR) LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ZAGLADIN IS ALSO A MEMBER. THE CPSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE LETTER TO THE BELGIAN PARTY FRONT-PAGED IN PRAVDA INTER ALIA WARNS THAT "IN RECENT TIMES ENEMIES OF THE CAUSE OF PEACE HAVE BECOME MORE ACTIVE", AND ARE ATTEMPTING TO USE "ANTI-COMMUNISM AND ANTI-SOVIETISM TO POISON THE INTERNATIONAL ATMOSPHERE." THIS MAKES NECESSARY, SAYS THE LETTER, A DRAWING TOGETHER OF THE RANKS AMONG ADVOCATES OF PEACE. AN "ESSENTIAL PART" OF THE STRUGGLE FOR PEACE, IT CONTINUES, IS A "FURTHER STRENGTHENING OF THE UNITY AND A MILITANT DRAWING TOGETHER OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

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ON THE BASIS OF ... PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM (P.I.)." A RUDE PRAVO EDITORIAL PARAPHRASED IN PRAVDA TELLS US WHAT P.I. IS -- "THE MAIN CRITERION OF P.I. IS RELATIONSHIP TO THE CPSU AND THE USSR". RUDE PRAVO FOLLOWS THE SAME LINES AS YESTERDAY'S PRAVDA VERSION OF THE NEPSZABADSZAG EDIT (REFTEL): THE CZECHOSLOVAK PARTY "STRICTLY OBSERVES" P.I., WHICH IT CONSIDERS THE "BASIC PRINCIPLE OF ITS WORK"; "HAS REJECTED REVISIONIST THEORIES AND TENDENCIES TOWARD NATIONALISTIC NARROWNESS" AND KNOWS FROM ITS OWN EXPERIENCE THE ILL EFFECTS OF DEVIATIONISM, CITING THE "OFFENSIVE" AGAINST P.I. CARRIED OUT BY ITS OWN "ANTI-PARTY" GROUP IN 1968-69, AND FROM WHICH CZECHOSLOVAKIA WAS SAVED BY "INTERNATIONALIST SOLIDARITY". COMMENT: SOVIET PRESSURE ON THE EASTERN EUROPEAN PARTIES TO SIGN ON TO A CAMPAIGN AGAINST IDEOLOGICAL HERESY FROM THE WEST IS PAYING OFF, AT LEAST IN PRINT. END COMMENT.

7. CZECHOSLOVAKIA. IZVESTIYA FEATURES A PRE-PARTY CONGRESS ARTICLE BY CZECHOSLOVAK PLANNING COMMISSION HEAD VACLAV HULA WHICH IS GENERALLY UPBEAT ON NATIONAL ECONOMY HE IS SUPPOSED TO BE RUNNING, BUT ADMITS THAT THE CZECHOSLOVAK CENTRAL COMMITTEE FINDS BLEMISHES TOO. IN PARTICULAR, HE
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CALLS FOR CAREFUL STEWARDSHIP OF FUEL AND RAW MATERIALS, DOMESTIC AND IMPORTED, AND ADVOCATES THE IMPLEMENTATION OF MARXIST-LENINIST PRINCIPLES, INCLUDING, INTER ALIA, COLLECTIVE LEADERSHIP. COMMENT: IF HULA IS NOT IN THE BEST OF GRACES AT HOME, (1) PUBLICATION OF HIS PIECE IN IZVESTIYA, AND (2) HIS ADVOCACY OF COLLECTIVE LEADERSHIP ARE ALL THE MORE INTRIGUING. END COMMENT.

8. SPAIN. THE TASS MADRID CORRESPONDENT REPORTS IN PRAVDA THAT THE SITUATION IN SPAIN IS BECOMING MORE TENSE AFTER THE ARREST OF A NUMBER OF "PROMINENT POLITICAL ACTIVISTS", INCLUDING CAMACHO. THE TASS CORRESPONDENT SAYS

THAT SPANISH OBSERVERS REGARDED THE ORIGINAL RELEASE OF CAMACHO AS THE BEGINNING OF A NEW ERA, AND THEN CITES "ARRIBA" AS SAYING THAT CAMACHO'S REARREST SHOWS THAT FOR ALL PRACTICAL PURPOSES THAT ERA HAS COME TO AN END. THE AUTHOR SAYS THAT THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN FORCED TO RETREAT BEFORE PRESSURE FROM FRANCOISTS, BUT ASSERTS THAT THE REVOLUTIONARY PROCESS WILL NEVERTHELESS CONTINUE. COMMENT: SOVIET PRESS COMMENTARY IS STILL PROVIDING UNDILUTED SUPPORT TO "PROGRESSIVE" MOVEMENTS IN SPAIN, WHILE SAYING LITTLE -- IN RECENT TIMES NOTHING -- FAVORABLE ABOUT THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT. END COMMENT.

9. MIDDLE EAST. THE CENTRAL PRESS REPORTS FROM BEIRUT THAT THE POLITICAL MANEUVERING CONTINUES IN PREPARATION FOR THE APRIL 10 SESSION OF PARLIAMENT. PRAVDA'S ARTICLE REITERATES THAT "THE PRGRESSIVE PRESS CONTINUES" TO OPPOSE THE VISIT OF AMBASSADOR BROWN, AND CONSIDERS IT "INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE COUNTRY." PRAVDA CARRIES A BRIEF AND STRAIGHTFORWARD REPORT FROM CAIRO THAT THE ASU HAS BEEN REORGANIZED INTO CENTER, LEFT, AND RIGHT GROUPINGS. A PRAVDA REPORT ON THE FOURTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE USSR-IRAQ TREATY OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION EMPHASIZES THE ECONOMIC PROGRESS IRAQ HAS ACHIEVED THANKS TO THE ASSISTANCE RENDERED BY MOSCOW AND HOLDS UP TREATY AS MODEL OF EQUAL RIGHTS, MUTAL ADVANTAGE APPROACH NOT SUBJECT TO "CONJUNCTURAL CHANGE." CPSU LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CC SECRETARY DOLGIKH SHOWED UP APRIL 7 AT IRAQI AMBASSADOR'S PARTY CELEBRATING 29TH ANNIVERSARY OF FOUNDING OF BAATH, PRAVDA REPORTS. COMMENT. SMILES FOR IRAQ MAY BE INTENDED TO TELL SYRIA AND EGYPT SOMETHING TOO. END COMMENT.

10. CYPRUS. A SIGNED COMMENTARY BY CORRESPONDENTS DROBKOV AND DUBRONIN FROM NICOSIA IN PRAVDA RESTATES THAT STANDARD SOVIET POSITION RE THE NEED FOR A "CYPRIOT" SOLUTION AND THE WITHDRAWAL OF OUTSIDE FORCES. THE COMMENTARY STRESSES THE "PRINCIPLED POLICY OF THE USSR" WHICH SUPPORTS THE "SOVEREIGNTY, INDEPENDENCE, AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF CYPRUS." UNFORTUNATELY, THE AUTHORS CLAIM, "IMPERIALISTS" CONTINUE THEIR EFFORTS TO PARTITION THE ISLAND IN ORDER TO MAKE IT A "NATO BASE." STOESEL

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